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## **BISHOP ANNOUNCES WINNER OF CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION**

*Ward Melville High School's Danica Parry Wins; Will Have Artwork Displayed in Capitol*

CORAM, NY-Congressman Tim Bishop announced "*Portrait of My Parents*" the winning entry of the 26<sup>th</sup> Congressional Art Competition at the Middle Country Library in Selden on April 29. Ms. Danica Parry of Ward Melville High School was announced the winner in a public ceremony attended by teachers, administration, family and friends of the thirty-six contestants representing thirteen local school districts throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

"This year's competition attracted some very talented young artists from Long Island," Bishop said. "I congratulate Danica for her fine work. We can all be proud to have her represent Long Island among the top artists whose work will be displayed in the nation's capitol this year."

Danica Parry's acrylic and gouache painting, entitled "*Portrait of My Parents*," will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year, and she will be invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony there on June 28, along with other winners from around the country. Ms. Parry will also be eligible to receive a \$5,000-per-year Artistic Honors Scholarship to Savannah College of Art and Design.

At the reception, Bishop announced the following winners:

- First Place: Danica Parry, Ward Melville High School, for an acrylic and gouache painting, "*Portrait of My Parents*"
- Second Place: Sasha Escobar, Patchogue-Medford High School, for a photograph, "*Venus*"
- Third Place: Emily Truisi, Kings Park High School, for a graphite and charcoal rendering, "*Sneakers*"
- Honorable Mentions: Noah Grimes, East Hampton High School, for a digital photograph, "*Door*," and Steven Fournier, Center Moriches High School, for an oil painting

The winners were selected by judges chosen by the East End Arts Council: Roxanne Panero, a Sagaponack painter who has taught at the Fashion Institute in New York City and on the faculty of two colleges, and Tom Steele, noted photographer and President of the East Hampton Artists Alliance.

Since the Congressional Art Competition debuted in 1982, members of the U.S. House of Representatives have conducted nearly 5,000 art competitions involving hundreds of thousands of school students.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE: Photos of the winners are available for download and printing from <http://www.flickr.com/photos/7307564@N03/>.

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